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TAGS: EFIN, GB, TO

SUBJ: GABONESE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON FRANC ZONE

SUMMIT/TOGO POSITION ON FRANC

REF: STATE 221123

1. EN ROUTE TO FRANC ZONE NATIONS SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS,  
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO MADE A ONE DAY VISIT ON NOV 9 TO  
LOME. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, BONGO MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS  
ABOUT FORTHCOMING MEETING:

(A) GABON HAS NO INTENTION OF CREATING NATIONAL CURRENCY SINCE  
"IT IS EASY TO CREATE A CURRENCY BUT DIFFICULT TO GUARANTEE

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(B) REVISION OF PRESENT AGREEMENTS: WHILE QUESTION OF MONETARY PARITY IS ONE THAT CONCERNS ALL FRANC ZONE NATIONS, REVISION OF AGREEMENTS IS ISSUE FOR EACH COUNTRY TO PURSUE INDIVIDUALLY.

(C) REFORMS IN CENTRAL BANKS' OPERATIONS: THERE CAN BE NO DISPARITY BETWEEN BCEAO AND BCEAC; ANY SPECIAL ADVANTAGES ACCORDED TO THE FORMER MUST ALSO BE GRANTED TO THE LATTER.

2. TOGO, TO BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE, WILL MOST LIKELY PUSH FOR REVALUATION OF CFA FRANC IN CONTEXT MONETARY REFORM TALK.

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